

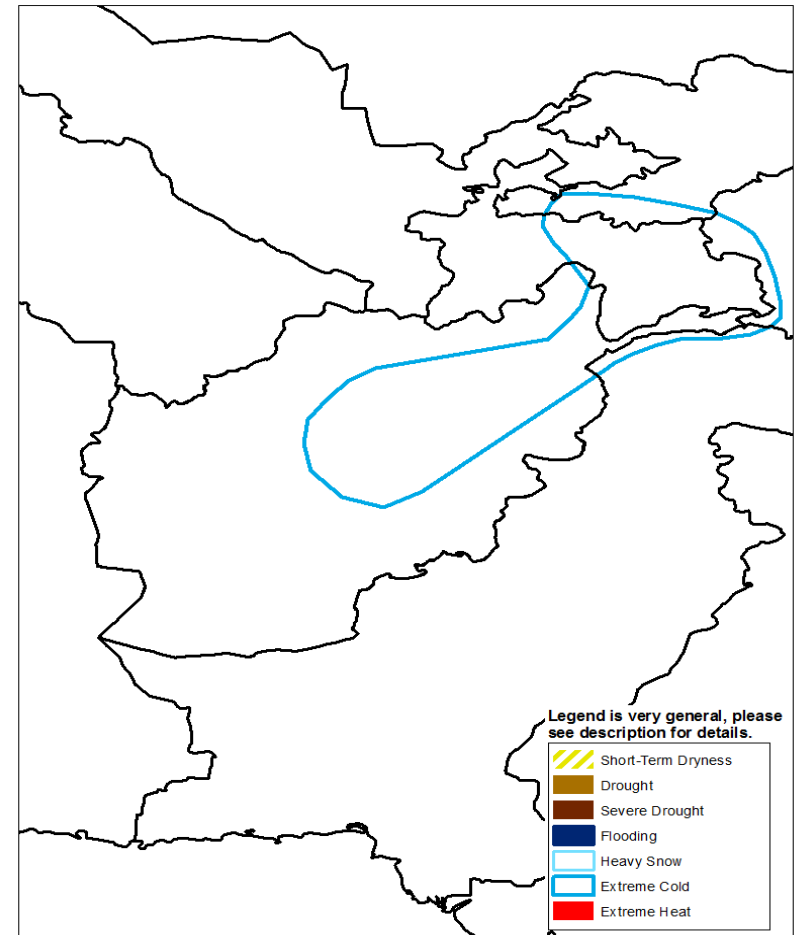
Climate Prediction Center's Afghanistan Hazards Outlook For USAID / FEWS-NET February 22 - 28, 2012

Temperatures:

Below average temperatures have prevailed since the beginning of February across Afghanistan, as the greatest negative temperature anomalies ($>6^{\circ}\text{C}$) were observed over the central and northern portions of the country. Despite some marginal warming during the middle of February, below average temperatures are again expected to persist across the central highlands and northeast mountains during the next week. Across the higher elevations of Afghanistan, negative temperatures anomalies greater than 6°C can be expected into late February.

Precipitation

During the last week, well distributed amounts of light precipitation were received across the country, with the highest amounts ($>10\text{mm}$) observed along the northern provinces of Afghanistan. With the expansion of colder temperatures, increased snowfall was observed across the central and southern provinces during the last week. During the next seven days, both the magnitude and distribution of precipitation is expected to gradually decrease, reducing the chance for heavy snowfall in late February.



Note: The Hazards outlook map is based on current weather/climate information, short and medium range weather forecasts (up to 1 week), and assesses their potential impact on crop and pasture conditions. Shaded polygons are added in areas where anomalous conditions have been observed. The boundaries of these polygons are only approximate at this continental scale. This product does not reflect long range seasonal climate forecasts or indicate current or projected food security conditions.

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